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CONGRESSIONAL TOURS

Congressional tours of the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the FBI, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Kennedy Center, the National Cathedral, the Library of Congress, and the Supreme Court can be requested through Congressman Lipinski's Washington office. Because there is a high volume of requests throughout the year, it is important to contact Congressman Lipinski's office as far in advance as possible. Even with advance notice, however, Congressman Lipinski cannot guarantee that arrangements for a particular tour can be accommodated (see Visiting DC page). You can place your tour requests to Congressman Lipinski's Washington, DC office via the Internet. To submit a request, please access the following link. [Congressman Lipinski's Tour Request Form](#)

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NOTE: Due to the heightened security requirements of the war against terrorism, the Old Executive Office Building and F.B.I. tours are not available into the foreseeable future.

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GREETINGS

Congressman Lipinski is happy to extend his greetings to the constituents of the Third Congressional District when a birthday, anniversary, birth, Eagle Scout/Girl Scout ranking or academic honor is bestowed upon one of his constituents. You may also contact Congressman Lipinski to request a Presidential greeting for an 80th and older birthday wish and

for a 50th or greater wedding anniversary celebration. Please contact the Washington office to request a greeting.

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GALLERY PASSES

Congressman Lipinski is happy to provide constituents of the Third Congressional District with House and Senate gallery passes. The gallery passes will enable constituents to view the House and Senate Chambers, and possibly watch a floor debate or vote when Congress is in session. Passes are always available in the Washington office without advance notice. Passes are not required when Congress is in recess.

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SCHEDULING

Congressman Lipinski is happy to meet with constituents of the Third Congressional District of Illinois. If you are planning to be in the Washington area and would like to meet with the Congressman, please contact the Washington office to check on the Congressman's availability.

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ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

As a Member of Congress, Congressman Lipinski is able to nominate a limited number of high school seniors for the honor of attending one of our nation's military academies. If you are interested in attending a service academy, it is to your benefit to start the application process in your junior year. Interested parties should contact Congressman Lipinski's LaGrange office for more information. Please be advised that a congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance into the academy.

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INTERNSHIPS

I am pleased to learn about your interest in politics and how our government operates. Please contact the Internship Coordinator in my Washington D.C. office at 202-225-5701 regarding availability of internship positions.

Internships are generally unpaid and do not provide housing; however they are a great way to walk the halls of Congress, experience the way our government operates, and gain college credit all at once. An internship program is not designed strictly for political science or government majors, but it is beneficial to have a strong interest in politics, a strong sense of responsibility, enthusiasm, and ability to adapt to a busy work environment.

Each Congressional office selects interns based on their office needs and demands. Most students arrange their internships during a semester of college (four months) for college credit. You will find that many congressional offices are flexible with the terms of the internship program.

As a congressional intern, you will be involved many interesting and educational experiences like attending briefings and hearings on Capitol Hill. However, you will find that the main responsibility in congressional office is sorting and distributing mail, answering phones, drafting correspondence, and conducting legislative research to assist the Member and staff.

I believe that a congressional internship is a challenging and rewarding time, one in which an individual truly learns how the government works. As congressional intern, you will be rewarded with more responsibilities and greater experiences based on the effort and interest that you put into your time spent in the office. Additionally, you can take advantage of the great opportunities that our nation's Capitol has to offer. I encourage all students interested in government and politics to utilize this educational and lasting experience.

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PAGE PROGRAM

The U.S. House of Representatives Page Program offers high school juniors the unique opportunity to experience Congress in action and assist in Official House duties. A page will work in a team on the House floor, rather than in an individual Member's office. To qualify, applicants must be high school juniors, be at least sixteen years old at the time the session starts, and have a 3.0 grade point average or better. Interested students should contact the LaGrange office for further information on the page program.

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